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**VOCAL of Missouri, Inc.**

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August 31, 2001

Ms. Pamela Hyde
County Director
Division of Family Services
P.O. Box 1088
Hillsboro, MO 63050

*EPA has jurisdiction
Committee Direct - Chris Rottman
757-1010*

Dear Ms. Hyde:

Missouri Victims of Child Abuse Laws (MO-VOCAL), a state watchdog group, hereby formally requests that the Division of Family Services take immediate action to remove all children currently residing in foster homes in the city limits of Herculaneum, Missouri and surrounding areas.

Recent testing by the Department of Natural Resources has found "astronomical levels" of toxins including lead within this community. As you should be aware, the Doe Run Company, which is the largest lead smelter in the world, is located in Herculaneum and is the primary source of these toxins.

Currently there is intervention by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Missouri Department of Health addressing the health and environmental risks of lead contamination with this community. As I'm sure you know, lead creates significant health risks to children. Therefore, to continue housing children in these highly contaminated areas would not only be deemed a willful act of negligence, but certainly is not in the "best interest of the children".

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Sincerely,

Brenda K. Browning

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President, MO-VOCAL

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